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1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, WE BELIVE LINKAGE BETWEEN LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO AND QUESTION OF USG ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT SHOULD BE AVOIDED IN THIS CONTEXT. FOR ONE THING, EGYPT IS PLAYING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE ON LIFTING EMBARGO. MORE IMPORTANT, WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE FIRMS WITH IMPRESSION THAT IF EMBARGO LIFTED, ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, SINCE WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR THINKING THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

2. AS FAR AS US FIRMS INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS ABROAD ARE CONCERNED, EXIM BANK REMAINS MOST LOGICAL SOURCE OF FINANCIAL HELP FOR US COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH PROMOTION OF EXPORT OF US GOODS AND SERVICES. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD KNOW THAT BURDENED STATE OF EGYPTIAN ECONOMY AND GOE ARREARAGES ON DEBT PAYMENTS TO USG AGENCIES HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS IN PAST WITH RESPECT TO EXIM LENDING. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF US FIRMS WISH TO INQUIRE DIRECTLY OF EXIM CONCERNING SUCH FINANCIAL
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